

siders look forward to the day when a comprehensive review of the family is made available under one cover.

Included in the studies on this family are many short papers on the larvae. Among the leading students of this stage of these insects is the very capable author of this book. Paul O. Ritcher has brought together a monographic treatment of the current knowledge available on scarab larvae, including his own extensive observations as well as those of his colleagues. The book is well printed and profusely illustrated with line cuts of the larvae and two plates of very fine photographs of adults, although the inclusion of the latter is somewhat of a surprise.

This book includes all of the subfamilies of Scarabaeidae except Ochodaeinae, the larvae of which are not known, and it also includes the families Lucanidae and Passalidae. The latter two families have not received the attention given to the scarabs. A quick comparison with the catalog of beetles shows that nearly one-half of the U. S. genera are included with representative species of each. The larger genera have only a small proportion of the species described, but in most cases, this is all that are known. In some genera, the author has wisely not attempted keys to all of the known species because of the intraspecific variation present.

The book shares in a common fault of many otherwise useful books, that of not being clear as to what is left out. The title is misleading because it implies that it includes Mexico in the area covered, although the introduction does refer the reader to additional papers to cover some of the omissions.

With this fine volume readily available at a moderate cost, it should be an easy matter for any interested person to collect, rear, and add to our knowledge of this very interesting group. This as a stimulus, it may well be that the book will be soon out of date, and that this will induce Paul Ritcher to enlarge the work and continue to provide us with such a fine product. -- R. H. Arnett, Jr.

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(Continued from p. 32.) *New editor.* - Reference to the inside back cover as well as to the masthead will show that the *Bulletin* once again has a new editor, the fourth in its history. Dr. N. M. Downie is not only a Cornell University trained entomologist, but has had a lifelong interest in collecting and identifying beetles. He is well known to many of our subscribers through his activities in identifying North American Coleoptera; others will now know him as he continues the development of our journal.

*ACSIP.* - You may have noted the announcement on the inside back cover of the (late) June issue of the *Bulletin* of the Purdue project of xeroxing the descriptions of North American Coleoptera. The xerox machine is installed and project is going forward. Arrangements have been made for the sale of the descriptions. Those available will be announced from time to time. We hope that all authors will automatically provide us with copies of their papers so that the new species and genera can be processed. These papers will be listed in the current literature section of the *Bulletin*. (To be continued.) - R. H. Arnett.